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## **MAN SENTENCED IN DEFRAUDING KEY BANK CASE**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--Bernard Walker, 32, of Buffalo, NY, who was convicted of engaging in a bank fraud scheme to defraud Key Bank on June 26, 2009, was sentenced today by U.S. District Chief Judge William M. Skretny, to 10 months in prison, to be served with a combination of halfway house and home confinement, U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of use of an unauthorized access device to obtain money, when he used a fraudulent ATM card to make numerous withdrawals from a Key Bank account between November 22, 2005 and April 6, 2006. This conviction is related to the convictions of his wife, Janei London Walker, who pled guilty in July 2009 to bank fraud affecting two area banks, as well as to tax fraud and HUD fraud. Ms. Walker was sentenced by Judge Skretny in November 2009 to a 21 months in prison. Both Bernard Walker and Janei London Walker are required to pay restitution to the victim banks.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Inspectors from the United States Postal Inspection Service, Boston Division, Buffalo Field Office, under the direction of Inspector in Charge Robert Bethel.